



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending April 19, 2013

Paul Eldredge, City Manager



ADMINISTRATION

Commission/Committee Vacancies

- Arts Commission: The City is currently accepting applications to fill a position to serve on the Arts Commission. The Arts Commission, which meets on the third Wednesday of each month, serves the City Council as an advisory commission, making recommendations related to the arts. Applications must be received by Friday, May 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. by either mailing or hand-delivering to the City Clerk's Office at 150 City Park Way, by emailing to webcityclerk@brentwoodca.gov, or by faxing to (925) 516-5441. For more information, please contact Poldina Scherff at (925) 516-5444.
- BANC Committee: The Brentwood Advisory Neighborhood Committee (BANC) is interested in expanding its current membership and is accepting applications from interested residents. BANC, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., is an advisory committee comprised of residents who work on projects such as "Home of the Month" and National Night Out, and who act as an informational resource for their neighbors. An online application can be submitted by following this link: http://www.brentwoodca.gov/boards/application/board_application_fillin.cfm. For more information, please contact Barbie Gary at (925) 516-5366.

Science on Saturday Returning to Brentwood

On Saturday, April 20, the Lawrence Livermore National Lab will hold its Science on Saturday program in the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street), from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Although aimed at middle and high school students, this event will provide Brentwood residents of all ages the chance to learn from Lab scientists about artificial retinas – technology that provides sight to people with certain types of blindness. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

Tri Delta Transit Quarterly Newsletter

Tri Delta Transit has recently begun publishing a quarterly newsletter. The first issue is attached, and includes useful information on features such as Real-Time Arrival and Email/Text Alerts.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission

At the April 16 meeting, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

- Approved a three-year time extension for a Conditional Use Permit which allows construction of new buildings and related site improvements for the Neighborhood

Church, located at 50 Birch Street. This permit was previously approved by the Planning Commission in March of 2009.

- Continued Design Review of future house models for Prewett Ranch III (Portofino Villas), located west of Adams Lane and south of Big Basin Drive. The Commission directed the applicant, Discovery Builders, to revise the plans to include additional architectural enhancements and bring them back for consideration.

Participation in EC2 Event to Discuss Regional Workforce Issues

Staff is continuing to participate in “EC2: The Collaborative”, which is a regional collaboration of cities (Antioch, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Oakley and Pittsburg) and other local government agencies, to promote economic development in the East Contra Costa region. On April 12, staff attended an event sponsored by EC2 to discuss workforce training issues in the East Contra Costa region. The event was held at Los Medanos College and featured presentations by three speakers: Dr. Sean Wright, CEO of the Antioch Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Donald Gill, Superintendent of Antioch Unified School District; and Randy Tillery, Dean of Workforce and Economic Development/EBCAA Director for the Contra Costa Community College District.

EC2’s next scheduled meeting will be held in Brentwood on April 30.

Summerset Commons Shade Structures

Construction of Summerset Commons, a 13-acre park featuring paved walking paths through five acres of working vineyard, was completed in the fall of 2012. Shade structures were recently added, just in time for the summer sun.



General Plan Update

Land Use Map Change Requests

In order to meet projected residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational land needs throughout the city, the General Plan Update will include revisions to the City’s current Land Use Map. One of the key steps in this process is providing property owners with an opportunity to request changes to the existing land use designations for their respective parcels.



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Property owners who would like to request changes are encouraged to submit a Land Use Map Change Request Form, which is available on the City's General Plan Update website at www.brentwood.generalplan.org. Land Use Map Change Request Forms, along with the applicable fee based on parcel size, must be submitted no later than **5:00 pm on Friday, June 14, 2013**. Forms can be submitted to the attention of Taira Ordaz in the Community Development Department, located at 150 City Park Way. Forms may also be submitted via fax at (925) 516-5407 or by e-mail at tordaz@brentwoodca.gov.

General Plan Update Working Group

The Working Group met on April 18 and discussed two specific topics – Noise and Safety. The Working Group reviewed goals and policies related to these two topics from the current General Plan, and provided guidance on changes that they believe would be appropriate for the updated General Plan. The next Working Group meeting will be held on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Community Center (35 Oak Street). Topics to be discussed at the next meeting include Economic Development and Fiscal Sustainability. For more details about the Working Group meetings or the project as a whole, please visit the General Plan Update website at www.brentwood.generalplan.org.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Special Events

The following special events, both free of charge, are scheduled for Friday, April 26:

- Rodeo Roundup - "Cowgirl Jessie" will delight her "pre-school-partners" with stories and magic, and will also be available for some meet and greet photo opportunities. This event, geared for children up to age five, will be held at the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street) from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Movie in the Park – the first movie this year will be *The Sandlot* at 8:00 p.m. in City Park. Bring your lawn chair, a blanket, and picnic dinner and enjoy.

For more information on these and other events, call Parks and Recreation at (925) 516-5444.

Arbor Day Event - Saturday, April 27, 2013

The City of Brentwood will host its third annual Arbor Day tree planting project in cooperation with the Mormon Many Hands Day of Service on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Along the north Sand Creek frontage, approximately 600 feet east of the O'Hara Avenue intersection, volunteers will plant, stake, and water 24 native Redbud and Valley Oak trees, and spread tree chipper mulch around the tree bases.

Another group of volunteers, including the Mormon Many Hands and Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed volunteers, will weed, spread mulch, and water native grasses along the Marsh Creek trail frontage, on the opposite side of the brick sound wall at this location.

The tree planting site and the native grass site are City property that currently does not have any landscaping. This Arbor Day project is the first in a multi-year project to completely landscape this area with native Californian trees, shrubs and grasses.

Parking for volunteers will be at the Los Medanos College (LMC) campus parking lot. Participants can walk to the work sites by entering the Marsh Creek trail at the northeast corner of the LMC campus and proceeding west on the trail to the planting site. All volunteers will be required to sign a liability waiver upon arrival at the project site.

For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at (925) 516-5444.



POLICE

Prescription Drug Take Back Event

On Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Brentwood Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its sixth opportunity in three years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and/or unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your unwanted medications for disposal to the Brentwood Police Department at 9100 Brentwood Boulevard. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 244 tons of prescription drugs at over 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its five previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners took in over 2 million pounds - over a thousand tons - of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines - flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information regarding the prescription drug take back initiative, contact Lt. Doug Silva at the Brentwood Police Department at (925) 809-7712.

PUBLIC WORKS

Solid Waste Transfer Station Expansion Project

Construction continues to progress at the City's Corporation Yard for the transfer station and operations buildings. See photos below.



PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Update

As a part of PG&E's multi-year Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan, PG&E is replacing an old existing gas pipeline with a new 24-inch gas pipeline in Fairview Avenue. PG&E is currently working from southbound Central Boulevard to Arlington Way. Detours will be in place and traffic delays should be expected between the daytime hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information please contact Tony Del Greco of PG&E at (510) 846-1397. The latest traffic alert information associated with this work can be found on the City's website by clicking on the following link: [Road Conditions](#).

Landscape Improvements for Los Nogales and John Muir Parkway Projects

This project is split into two locations. The first is located along the westerly shoulder of Walnut Boulevard between the Food Maxx store and McClarren Road. Three diseased trees were removed after evaluation and recommendation from the City's arborist. The second location is along the westerly shoulder of John Muir Parkway between Ventura Drive and Thomas Road. The contractor began clearing and grubbing both sites this week. Both sites will be landscaped with trees, shrubs, vines and flowering plants. This project is anticipated to be complete by the end of this July.



Above: Walnut Boulevard, looking south

Left: John Muir Parkway, looking north



Support of the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

The City has signed up to participate in the Wyland Foundation National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Residents may simply go online to www.mywaterpledge.com through April 30, enter in "Brentwood", and make online pledges to conserve water, save energy, and reduce pollution. Cities compete in various population categories, with Brentwood in the category of 30,000 - 100,000 residents. The city with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category wins.

Residents of the winning cities are eligible to win thousands of prizes - such as a Toyota Prius, water-saving fixtures for the home and garden, or home improvement gift cards. Most importantly, participants will see real results based on simple actions they can do to save water and energy.

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LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY PRESENTS

SCIENCE ON SATURDAY

RESTORING SIGHT TO THE BLIND

BRIDGING THE MEDICAL GAP WITH TECHNOLOGY

Sat Pannu, Section Leader for Micro- and Nano-Technology

Sarah Felix, Mechanical Engineer

Kedar Shah, Mechanical Engineer

Heeral Sheth, Biomedical Engineer

Vanessa Tolosa, Chemical Engineer

Angela Tooker, Electrical Engineer



CONTACT: Richard Farnsworth, Manager, Science Education Program, farnsworth1@llnl.gov
City of Brentwood

LOCATION: Community Center - 35 Oak Street - Brentwood, CA 94513-1164

DATE: April 20, 2013

TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Students, teachers and parents are invited to attend Science on Saturday (SOS). SOS provides science talks with demonstrations highlighting cutting edge science at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

FREE OF CHARGE



TRI DELTA TRANSIT NEWSLETTER SPRING 2013



WELCOME

Welcome to Tri Delta Transit's Newsletter! This is the first issue of our new quarterly newsletter. We'll share important news and information that will help you stay informed. Feel free to share this information with clients and co-workers. If you need to update mailing information or have co-workers interested in receiving our quarterly newsletter, please call 925-754-6622 or email comments@eccta.org with a name, mailing address and request to be added to our quarterly newsletter mailing list.

SUMMER YOUTH PASS STARTS JUNE 1

Summer Youth Pass is the least expensive way for youth 17 & Under to ride Tri Delta Transit fixed route buses during the Summer. For only \$50*, the Summer Youth Pass provides unlimited rides from June 1-August 31, 2013. Watch for details to be posted on our website in May or in the next quarterly newsletter. If you work with youth who ride the bus, this is the best pass for them to use this Summer. *Original price \$60. Save \$10 with 511 Contra Costa discount. Restrictions apply.



TRI DELTA TRANSIT INCORPORATES NEW TECHNOLOGY INTO RIDING THE BUS

REAL-TIME ARRIVAL:

To make riding the bus easier, Tri Delta Transit introduced real-time arrival bus information for all bus stops in Eastern Contra Costa County. Real-time arrival lets you know exactly what time your bus will arrive at your bus stop. It takes the uncertainty out of waiting for a bus.

Real-time arrival bus information may be accessed online, on mobile devices, at select bus stops, or over the telephone. Each bus stop has a unique bus stop ID number on the bus stop sign. Use this unique bus stop ID number to find out real time information for your bus stop.

To check out an example of our real-time arrival feature at Los Medanos College just follow these easy steps:

1. Visit trideltatransit.com/mobile
2. Enter your bus stop ID number. In this case we'll use Los Medanos College bus stop number 819444
3. Select "Get Times"



The times displayed indicate within how many minutes each west-bound bus route will arrive to Los Medanos College. You would know what time you need to be at your bus stop.



Take One Onboard Newsletter

Do you know that Tri Delta Transit publishes an onboard newsletter every other month for our customers? The newsletter is available on all Tri Delta Transit buses, in the Administrative office, and online at TriDeltaTransit.com under "Rider Information". This newsletter includes information about holiday service, service changes, promotions, and other news that directly affects passengers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24

Tri Delta Transit Board of Directors Meeting - 4pm,
Tri Delta Transit,
801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch

May 9

Bike to Work Day

There will be over 100 Energizer Stations throughout the SF Bay Area where cyclists can stop by for refreshments and promotional items. Tri Delta Transit will host an Energizer Station from 6-10am on the Delta DeAnza Trail near Somersville and Buchanan in Antioch.

May 18

Senior Health & Resource Fair
10am-2pm,
Pittsburg Senior Center
300 Presidio Lane, Pittsburg

May 22

Tri Delta Transit Board of Directors Meeting - 4pm,
Tri Delta Transit,
801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch

May 27

Memorial Day-Sunday/Holiday Bus Schedule.

Only Routes 392, 393, 394 & 395 operate. Limited Dial-a-Ride service.

May 30-June 2

Contra Costa County Fair

Take weekday Routes 380 or 387 and weekend Routes 392 or 394 to the Fair. Check our website for information on special discounts.

June 1-August 31

Summer Youth Pass

The least expensive way for youth 17 & Under to ride the bus all Summer! Valid on fixed route buses.

MAGNETIC SWIPE TICKETS

We introduced magnetic swipe tickets in June of 2012. Magnetic swipe tickets make boarding the bus fast and easy!

The new magnetic tickets also benefit agencies purchasing tickets. Magnetic swipe tickets do not have an expiration date which means agencies no longer have to exchange expired tickets at the end of the year.

Magnetic swipe tickets are available as 24-Hour, 20-Ride or 31-Day Passes. All passes are activated when the customer boards the bus and validates the pass in the fare box. The date and/or time is printed on the bus pass and encoded in the magnetic strip by the fare box.

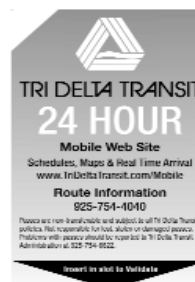
Most agencies that purchase bus tickets purchase the 24-Hour or 20-Ride pass for their clients.

If you purchase passes, we recommend the 24-Hour pass. As the name suggests, the 24-Hour pass provides unlimited rides on all Tri Delta Transit fixed route buses for a 24-Hour period.

The 20-Ride pass is also a good choice, but counts 1 ride every time you board the bus. If you take 2 buses each direction on a round trip ride on the bus, 4 rides will be deducted from the 20-Ride pass.

The 31-Day Pass is an excellent value if you take four or more trips per week. It provides unlimited rides on all Tri Delta Transit fixed-route buses for 31 consecutive days from the date of activation.

If you have questions or would like to purchase tickets in large quantities, please call Tri Delta Transit's administrative office at 925-754-6622. We can help you determine which tickets are best for your needs.



Email/Text Alerts

Tri Delta Transit provides our customers with up-to-date information through an Email/Text Alert System. We recommend that everyone who rides the bus sign up for email/text alerts if they have a cell phone or access to email.

Email/text alerts will send you an email and/or text message when something changes to your route. It will also keep you informed about schedule and service changes so you're always prepared. You can customize your settings to receive information about specific routes and services.

Don't be caught off guard. Sign up for free Email/Text Alerts today! Your email address/phone number will never be shared with any 3rd parties and you will only receive information that affects Tri Delta Transit bus service, including categories requested, when you sign up. Visit trideltatransit.com/AlertSubscribe.aspx